

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph at page 4, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

Specifically, the set top terminal 200 comprises a tuner 202, a first switch 204, a digital demodulator 206, an analog demodulator 208, a second switch 210, a processor 212, a memory 214, input/output (I/O) circuits 218, a National Television Standard Committee (NTSC) modulator [[218,]] 220, and a decoder 222. In one embodiment of the invention, the tuner 202 receives a radio frequency (RF) television signal from the signal source, e.g., an antenna, and downconverts the RF television signal into an intermediate frequency (IF) television signal.

Please replace paragraph at page 4, line 24, with the following amended paragraph:

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The first switch 204 couples the IF television signal from the tuner 202 to either the digital demodulator 206 or the analog demodulator 208, e.g., a NTSC demodulator. Namely, the first switch 204 routes the IF television signal to the proper demodulator. The digital demodulator 206 converts a digital IF television signal into a digital baseband television signal. Similarly, the analog demodulator [[206]] 208 converts an analog IF television signal into an analog baseband television signal. The second switch 210 couples the digital or analog baseband television signal to the processor 212.

Please replace paragraph at page 4, line 33, with the following amended paragraph:

The baseband television signal is coupled to the processor 212 and the decoder 222. The processor 212 executes a software program to perform the required processing for overcoming the problems of the prior art. Specifically, the processor 212 executes a software program to implement a method 300 embodied in FIG. 3 as described below. The software program is stored in memory 214, e.g., read only memory (ROM), solid state memory, optical memory and the like. A viewer may use input/output (I/O) devices [[220]] 216 to control features or settings, e.g., closed captioning, blockage of selected program content, of the set top terminal 200. In the context of a television system 100, the I/O device 216 may comprise an input device, e.g., a remote control, or an output device, e.g., a display device or monitor. The I/O circuits 218 provide an interface between the processor 212 and one or more I/O devices 216.